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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, MILL, BG, IN
SUBJECT: AN INDIAN VIEW OF BANGLADESH MUTINY

1. IN DISCUSSING BANGLADESH MUTINY WITH EMBOFFS OCTOBER 5, M. DUBE, MEA JOINT SECRETARY FOR BANGLADESH, ASSESSED AFTER MATH AS ONE OF CALM IN DACCA. DUBE STRESSED THAT INDIANS VIEWED MUTINEERS AS SMALL IN NUMBER AND LEADERLESS, THAT ARMED FORCES CHIEFS HAD RALLIED TO ZIA AND THAT REVOLT HAD BEEN CONTAINED. IN PARTICULARLY, HE NOTED THAT THE ACTIONS OF MIR SHAWKAT ALI OF NINTH DIVISION BELIED REPORTS THAT MIR SHAWKAT WAS AMBITIOUS AND SOUGHT TO OUST ZIA. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE MUTINY WOULD NOT LEAD TO ANY SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT ACROSS THE INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER.

2. DUBE CONSIDERED THE BOGRA AND DACCA INCIDENTS DEFINITELY LINKED. ACCORDING TO DUBE, WHO SAYS HE HAS BEEN ON THE PHONE THREE TIMES TO THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN DACCA, THE DISIDENT ELEMENTS AT BOGRA, WHOM EH DESCRIBED AS FORMER
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RAKKHI BAHINI WITH JSD LEANINGS, HAD FLED TO DACCA AFTER THEIR UPRISING WAS CRUSHED AND FOMENTED MUTINY AT THE CANTONMENT. DUBE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER ELEMENTS, SUCH AS "COMMUNAL" ONES, MAY HAVE JOINED IN. DUBE WAS QUITE CATEGORICAL IN STATING THAT AN ATTACK HAD ALSO BEEN MADE ON THE BANGABHAVAN, THE PRESIDENTIAL HOUSE. DUBE EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD BE "HARSH" RETALIATION BY THE BDG, BUT HE ALSO ANTICI-

PATED THAT ZIA WOULD HAVE TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE COM-
PLAINTS OF THE MILITARY AND THAT THERE WAS LIKELY TO BE A
REORGANIZATION AND RELOCATION OF VARIOUS UNITS.
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